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Together We Learn and Grow'

Dear parents and carers

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I hope this letter finds you and your families healthy and safe and you enjoyed the break from schooling over the half term break. This week we begin to welcome back those children from nursery, reception, year one and year six, whilst continuing to offer emergency care for those children of key workers.

Although delayed by a week, as the school opens to more pupils, and demands on teaching staff increase further due to covering the groups in school, we will sadly not be able to maintain the amount of active online teaching, activities and communication which we have been doing since our partial closure. Regardless, our priority still remains to offer our children quality online education and interaction, just a little differently.

Instead of learning activities being posted daily, we will instead set the week's learning to go live each Monday morning at 9am. As previously, learning will centre around a themed approach, the workbooks and supporting well-being. Links to Oxford Owl e-books and phonics will continue to be shared, along with other suitable links to online sites. This includes the government's national Oak Academy and BBC Bite Size that have been developed to support schools and parents during this time.

For those year groups attending school, where possible work will be duplicated for those at home, but without the direct teacher input. Children in school will receive bespoke teaching of skills and knowledge in their groups.

Staff will continue to welcome pictures, photographs and evidence of any work from parents should you wish to share it, but as always, this is not an expectation. Children can continue to 'turn-in' any completed work and staff will be able to give feedback on this across the week, as well as answer any questions. House points will continue to be awarded to celebrate the children's efforts.

We are also continuing with our planned theme weeks. This term 'Healthy Body, Healthy Mind' was due to take place and this will still happen, just virtually in the coming weeks.

As home schooling continues for many, I appreciate it remains a challenge in juggling home and work commitments. We are here to support you with this and continue to be amazed at the positivity and enthusiasm in which you have all approached this. The office will be open during normal hours now or you can contact us through emailing admin@greatsankeyprimary.warrington.sch.uk if you need any support or guidance. Teachers will continue to make welfare calls (this is now moving to fortnightly) and this is also an opportunity to discuss any worries or seek advice.

We thank you for your continued support. I regularly quote 'GSP family' and 'GSP team' and this time we have been living in has proven that we really do have a unique school community that looks out for one another.

Take care and kind regards



V.J.Briggs Headteacher

